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Summary: Post-Assassination; Mexico

Info from Cable traffic to and from Mexico City, and from Oswald's Mexican file  
A November 22, 1963

1. Mexi 7014 originated by [H Manell]<sup>03</sup> & released by W. Scott. Reports hearing about Oswald's arrest on a VOA broadcast. HQ attention directed to Mexi 6453, DIR 74830 and Mexi 6534. "Request priority pouch photo Oswald so that Station can check all recent [photographic] coverage for iden. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor ~~ext to~~ ~~down~~ 28 Oct. who could ~~have been~~ be identical with Oswald."

(29-12) no R.S.

2. Dispatch HMMA-22533 - attached are only photos taken on 1 Oct. "Which appeared to be an American"; reports

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visit on 4 October; copies shown to Ambassador; and one copy each of 2 photos given to Chief, FBI, in Mexico. A handwritten note indicates that 4 pictures from 1 Oct + 4 from 4 Oct. were sent with this dispatch.

3. A letter from "Kim" to "J.C." Eldon Rudek took the letter to Dallas and mailed it from there. "Reference is made to our conversation of 22 November in which I requested permission to give the Legal Attache copies of photographs of a certain person who is known to you." Attached to the letter are copies of the photos with the dates stamped on the backs. The Ambassador decided it was very important to get the photos to Dallas so the

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- by direction Thomas Karamessinos ADOP." It says: "Send staffer with all photos Oswald to HQ as next available flight. Call Mr. Whitten<sup>26</sup> at [652-6827] on arrival."
4. Mexi 7021, originated, released and authenticated by Allan White reports that an FBI agent left Mexico at 8:00 pm with two copies of six photos of the man believed to be Oswald. One copy was going to be mailed to Jack Whitten<sup>J.C. King</sup> home, as Scott was so instructed in a telephone call from him. Copies of these photos, plus two taken at the Cuban Embassy were being sent by pouch. Cable asks if they (HQ) still wants a staffer to bring the photos.
5. DIR 84823 (52-22) is missing from the Mexico City Chrono.

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It says there isn't any need to send a staffer with the photos. Cable says they have asked the Navy for photos again but suggests that checking the wire services would be quicker. It also reports that HQ has "just re-emphasized" the sensitivity of the photos to the FBI. This cable was routed to Scott, White and D'Amato.

6. DIR 84886 (40-541) originated by DBIRCH O'NEAL. The AO was John<sup>26</sup> Whitter and the R.O. is indiscipherable, he is designated as C/WH but it is not J.C. King.

"1. Important you review [Soviet Embassy] tapes and transcripts since 27 September to locate all material possibly pertinent to subject reference.

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special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material.

3. Are Original tapes available ? "

(no Mexi R.S.)

7. DIR 84888 (39-38)

Originator and AO [John<sup>26</sup> Whitten]

RO: William Hood

" [FBI] says that photos of man entering Soviet Embassy which Mexi sent to Dallas were not of Lee Oswald. Presume Mexi has doubled (sic) checked dates of these photos and is also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of Oswald "

8. Mexi 7023 (49-545)

Originated + AO: Anne Goodpastor released by Min Scott. Accurately reports conversation of 9/28/63 about address. Reports that the

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unidentified American is probably LHO in view of his claimed visit on this day. The TD can not be positive because "Station unable compare voice as first tape erased prior receipt second call." This cable also corrects the date given for the picture referred to in Mexi 7014.

"PARA ~~Mexi~~ three Mexi 7014 should be one repeat one Oct. 63 same subject visited Novemb 4 Oct But not recorded [by tapes] that date." (NO RS)

9. MEXI 7024 (62-24)

O + AO: [Herbert Mannell]<sup>03</sup>

RO: Scott.

"Other than info already ~~available~~ sent re Oswald's connection with Sov. and Cuban Embs, no other info available. However, station staff combining all available

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materials. Probable that  
Oswald conversation  
[Soviet Embassy] tapes  
erased. However rechecking  
all unerased tapes [in  
their possession]."  
(No R.S.)

10. Mexi 7025 (60-550)

O + A.O.: ANNE Goodpasture

R.O.: Scott

reports accurate copies of  
transcripts of 9/28/63 conversa-  
tion about the address and  
the 10/1/63 conversation wherein  
LHO ID's himself; last paragraph:  
" [Boris Tarasoff] who did  
transcriptions says Oswald  
is identical with person  
[in first conversation reported]  
speaking broken Russian  
who called from Cuban  
Embassy 28 September to Soviet  
Embassy." (No R.S.)

11. Mexi 7028 (58-549)

Orig + R.O.: Scott; no A.O.

- " 1. COS had urgent call to see  
[<sup>AFPMO</sup> ~~Lin S. Chavassa~~] 2323 Nov.  
2. COS thought would be for

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A Form 128 Pres. of  
[~~Echiverria~~ MEXI.] expression condolence  
over loss of Pres. Kennedy but  
developed that ~~Ec~~ [Mexican's]  
Soviet Embassy ~~top~~ had  
located call to Soviet Embassy  
of Lee Oswald made on 28  
September.

3. Believe fact that [~~Echiverria~~ AFPM]  
aware of this contact (from  
[our joint <sup>24</sup> operation]) and  
passed data to COS is  
important "

RS indicates distribution to  
Scott and White. Scott  
noted that he was going  
to do a memo about the  
meeting.

12 MEXI 70290 (56-20)

Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.  
reports seeing photos of LHO  
on TV previous night and it  
is obvious that the photos  
sent to Dallas are not of LHO.  
Informs H.Q. that Mexi is ~~doing~~  
reviewing all photos of persons  
entering + leaving the Embassies  
(no RS.)

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13. Mexi 7033 (55-546)

Orig + A.O. : Goodpasture.

R.O. : Scott.

"For additional calls [Dorville] probably repeat probably Oswald" : reports:

a. 9/27/63 call to MA

b. 9/27/63 4:05 call

c. 9/27/63 4:26 call

d. 10/1/63 call to MA at 1031

e. 10/3/63 call to MA.

First three sent in Spanish, last two in English.

R.S. indicates Scott, White and Goodpasture. Scott noted that he had received call at 1620 hrs Mexi time from Jack<sup>26</sup> Whitten and he had told Whitten<sup>26</sup> that these transcripts "would be on route to him soon."

14 Mexi 7034 (59-23)

Orig + A.O. : Alan White

R.O. : Scott.

"Complete recheck photos all visitors to Cuban Emb August through first half Nov"

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Against good press photos shows  
no evidence Oswald visit.  
Similar blank against all  
Sovembt photos from 1 Sept.  
Note only visit we know he  
made ~~to~~ was Cuban Embassy  
28 Sept, Saturday on which  
Emb. closed and we have not  
had coverage. In future will  
require at least half day  
photo coverage both Sov  
and Cuban Embassies."

RS to Scott.

15 Mexi 7044 (77-558)

Orig. R.O. : [Herbert <sup>03</sup> Manell]  
no R.O. indicated on copy.

30 November 24, 1963.

1. DIR 84914 (38-13)

missing from Chrono  
(note DIR 84916 and DIR 84917 are  
not relevant to subject matter  
covered here but they are  
dated 11/23/63.)

"It is extremely urgent that  
we get, if at all possible,  
verbatim transcripts in  
English of all Oswald  
intercepts and other take

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which could relate to him.

Please cable these immediate, without regard to economy of words.

R.S. indicates Scott + White.

2. DIR 84920 (65-25)

Orig + A.O.: [Whitten<sup>2p</sup>]

R.O.: "by authority of Karames-  
sines.

HQ still puzzled about whether LHO seeking visas for quick escape or peaceful move, timing of move, disposition of wife asks for reanalysis of transcripts + questioning of Duran on this point.  
(No R.S.)

3. MEXI 7053 (83-30)

Orig. + A.O.: Alan White

R.O.: Scott +

reports providing cropped mmm photo to Mexican authorities for hotel investigation.

4. MEXI 7054 (84-565) White + Scott  
ref: DIR 84920.

"With MEXI 7933 (sic. probably should be 7033) HQ has full

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transcripts all pertinent calls.  
Regret complete recheck shows  
tapes for this period already  
erased. Station feeling that  
above is best ~~pass~~ answer  
obtainable to ref. but will  
request reinterrogation Duran  
if HQ still desires."  
(No R.S.)

D. November 25, 1963

1. Orig. unclear but may be  
R. Richardt

R.O. JC King

DIR 84926

A.O. [Jack<sup>26</sup> Whitten]

requests that a penetration  
agent in the Cuban Embassy  
be asked about his knowledge  
of LHO's contacts w/ Cub and  
Sov. Emb.

(No R.S.)

2. Mexi 7065 (96-572)

Orig & A.O. unidentified

R.O. Scott

penetration agent "disclaimed  
any knowledge of Oswald  
visits."

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2. November 27, 1963

1 Memo from Scott to Anderson  
transmits transcripts of:

- a. 9/27/63 10:37 call
- b. " 4:05 "
- c. " 4:26 "
- d. 9/28/63 11:51 "
- e. 10/1/63 10:31 "
- f. 10/1/63 10:35 "
- g. 10/3/63 3:59 "

2. DIR 85-245

Orig & AO: [John<sup>24</sup> Whitten]

R.O.: J.C. King

Dept of Justice preparing  
report on assassination &  
will want to include  
info on LHO's Mexi activities

"Obviously the [Soviet  
Embassy wiretap] info  
as such cannot be used"

Suggests using Duran  
for some basic info

Also expresses concern  
over fact that FBI  
HQ is getting info

obtained from FBI Mexi  
to originate with the  
wiretap. Do not want to

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F. November 28, 1963

1. Mexi 7115 (196-628)

Orig + A.O.: Alan White

R.O.: Scott

reports that the <sup>24</sup>[tribe] penetration agents at the Cuban Embassy did not have "any personal knowledge Oswald presence Cuban Embassy at any time."

(RS - White + Scott)

2. Mexi 7119 (1941-80) REF: DIR 85-245:

Orig + R.O.: Scott - no A.O.

Reports that Legat has been given all <sup>PERTINENT</sup> info from the Lovemb tapes, including the 10/16/63 memo. Also reports he has reemphasized sensitivity of source to Legat.

(RS indicates White, Scott, Phillips, Shaw and Goodpasture)

G. December 2, 1963

1. NYT story by Jack Langguth entitled "Oswald's mother places blame on Federal and Dallas Officers" says:

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"She [Mrs Oswald] insisted that on the night of Nov. 23, about 17 hours before Ruby shot her son, an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed her Ruby's photograph."

"The FBI would officially make no comment on Mrs. Oswald's charge. It was understood, however, that Federal agencies had acknowledged that she had been shown a photograph that night for identification, but spokesmen would not disclose whether it was that of Ruby."

H. December 3, 1963

L. NYT story entitled "FBI denies showing Mrs Oswald Ruby photo"

I. December 4, 1963

1. MEXI 7241 (289-694)

Orig and A.O.: ANNE Goodpasture  
Coordinated in draft: Phillips  
Released: Scott

"Station holding all reels from 22 November 63 for booth

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Cuban and Soviet Embassies.  
Unless advised to contrary,  
station will erase routine  
tapes Soviet Embassy  
keeping normal two week  
lag. Can retain Cuban  
tapes as long as HQS wishes  
off period to extend indefin-  
itely, may need more tapes.  
Have two months supply  
new tapes at station.  
(289-694 no R.S.)

J. December 9, 1963

1. DIR 87770 (354-719) Ref: Mexi 7241

Orig: [John<sup>26</sup> Whitten]

RO.: [Whitten<sup>24</sup>] by direction of  
Richard Helms.

"Please do not erase any Soviet  
or Cuban tapes until further  
notice. Advise how much  
more tape you need"  
(no R.S.)

A note attached to the  
Xerox of this cable in  
Oswald's Mexi file says:

"Mr. Scott: [Charles<sup>03</sup> Flick]  
was told yesterday but I  
told him not to tell the

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[Soviet tap operation] people - just keep bringing in the reels to me (the ones I give them are not labeled so they don't necessarily know which ones return). The storage problem is one for us and as the reels come in with transcriptions, I store them. When we can erase them, I'll take off the labels and send them back out. [Flick<sup>03</sup>] agrees with me that we have a month to six weeks reserve.

Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones - if not needed for this, we can store half of them with

[ for not yet known

targets - anne 10 Dec 63. "

K. December 11, 1963

1. MEXI 7352 (372-728) Ref: DIR 87770

Orig + AO: Goodpasture

R.O: Scott.

reports that they use about 6 dozen tapes per week for both Cub + Sov Embs. Ask's

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that HQ pouch 6 dozen each week until notice to erase received. "Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should tapes and/or transcripts be pouched HQS."

(mor RS)

L. December 13, 1963.

1. DIR 88680 (383-157) ref: mexi 7352  
orig: [Whitten<sup>26</sup>]

R.O: "by authority of Helms.

"Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cuban and Soviet tapes two weeks and then erasing, but please do not erase tapes made between 22 Nov. and present. Will advise on these. Do not pouch to HQRS."

(no RS)

M. December 16, 1963

1. DIR 89366 (409-754) Ref 7025

Orig: [Whitten<sup>26</sup>]

R.O: "by direction of Helms.

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HQ wants to know who the  
"Aparicio" may have been who  
Durán referred to in 9/28  
conversations.

"Pls have monitors make every  
effort to identify voices of  
various Soviets to whom  
Oswald spoke on the telephone  
or who dealt with his case  
with Sylvia Duran."

(RS indicates cable went to  
Scott, White, Phillips, Good-  
pasture.)

N. December 26, 1963.

1. Mexi 7527 (440-178)

A.O: Phillips

R.O: Scott

response to DIR 89366

Aparicio on sick leave  
during significant period.  
Can not ID people LHO  
spoke with because  
tapes erased.

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